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NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE FOR THE UNCOMPENSATED CARE POOL

You are receiving this notice because our records indicate that you are currently eligible for, or enrolled in a MassHealth or other insurance program that may also allow you to get some health services paid for by the Uncompensated Care Pool (UCP). The Uncompensated Care Pool is now called the Health Safety Net (HSN). The Health Safety Net helps pay for services at hospitals and community health centers in Massachusetts. New laws have changed certain parts of the HSN. Please read below to learn about how these changes may affect you.

Patient Co-payments

Beginning on March 3, 2008, you may have to pay a fee when you get health care services paid for by the Health Safety Net. The amount you pay depends on the services you get and whether you visit a health center or a hospital.

- At **health centers**, you may be charged a fee for prescription drugs only.
- At **hospitals**, you may be charged a fee for outpatient services like office visits to the doctor; when you get care at the emergency room; for inpatient care when you have to stay overnight in the hospital; or when you get prescription drugs from an outpatient hospital pharmacy.
- Children under age 19 will not be charged a fee for any services. You may not have to pay a fee when you get tests or treatments without seeing a clinician at a hospital. You cannot be charged more than a total of \$250 in co-payments per person, in any Health Safety Net fiscal year. Please keep track of your receipts to show if you reach this amount.

The co-payment amounts are listed in the chart below.

<i>Service</i>	<i>Hospital Co-payment</i>	<i>Health Center Co-payment</i>
Outpatient visits	\$5	\$0
Inpatient admission	\$50	N/A
Emergency room visit	\$50 (becomes \$0 if admitted to the hospital)	N/A
Pharmacy services (prescription drugs)	\$1 generic \$3 brand name	\$1 generic \$3 brand name

Questions about HSN

If you have questions about this notice or the Health Safety Net, please call the HSN Customer Service Center toll-free at (877) 910-2100 from 9AM to 5PM Monday through Friday.